

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 759

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Sharon Martinez upon being named Miller Boyd Alternative School's Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Martinez is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Martinez has recently been selected as Teacher of the Year at Miller Boyd Alternative School, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, serving with acumen and alacrity as a grade 6-12 behavior modification teacher at Miller Boyd, Ms. Martinez has been an educator for ten years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Martinez previously taught at West High School, West View Dandridge Elementary School, and East High School; and

WHEREAS, evincing true commitment to her students and her community, Sharon Martinez is a volunteer with many special education organizations, including Special Olympics, Very Special Arts Festival, Shangri-La Therapeutic Riding Academy, and peer tutoring groups; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Martinez holds memberships in local, state, and national educational associations; she is a member of the Hamblen County Attendance Review Committee and treasurer for the Council for Exceptional Children; a cooperating teacher for student teachers

from Carson-Newman College, she also serves on the state review panel for teacher licensing; and

WHEREAS, for the past seven years, Sharon Martinez has been junior service club leader for Modern Woodmen of America, for which she has raised thousands of dollars; she has twice achieved merit club status for volunteer service in the past three years and has been invited to attend a conference in Orlando, Florida, to explore new service club ideas; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated and devout individual, Sharon Martinez serves as outreach director at her church and is involved in ministering to underprivileged families. Most recently, she organized drives for MATS, CEASE, Central Services, and Red Cross clients; and,

WHEREAS, Sharon Martinez is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Martinez truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Sharon Martinez truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Sharon Martinez on being chosen Teacher of the Year at Miller Boyd Alternative School, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.